

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
David Ralph *et al.*

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mRNA PROFILES IN PERIPHERAL  
LEUKOCYTES

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DATE: December 7, 2006

**AMENDMENT: AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATE AUGUST 11, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. In particular, Applicants submit the foregoing amendments to place the case in condition for allowance.

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006, for which the three-month date for response was November 11, 2006. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is being filed concurrently herewith, along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to December 11, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, fees are being paid concurrently herewith. It is believed that no additional fees are due, however, should any be required, under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Account No.: 50-1212/UROC:014USD1.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.